

Elsmere Police Department Earns State Accreditation



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ELSMERE, DE – After completing a long and arduous process, the Elsmere Police Department became the seventh police agency to earn State accreditation through the Delaware Police Accreditation Commission (DPAC).

“The State accreditation process raises the standards for our law enforcement agencies and sets the bar for excellence,” said Safety and Homeland Security Secretary Nathaniel McQueen Jr., who is also the DPAC chair. “We commend the Elsmere Police for dedicating their time and energy towards meeting the more than 100 standards set forth by their peers.”

The Elsmere Police Department, led by Chief Laura Giles, spent months working to meet the numerous standards as required by (DPAC). In 2008, DPAC was formed to develop State standards as it relates to technical support, operations support and training support for local police agencies.

The members of DPAC are committed to advancing law enforcement professionalism through the establishment of professional standards and the administration of a formal mechanism by which Delaware agencies can be systematically measured, evaluated, and updated.

Accreditation improves officer and public safety, addresses high risk management issues, promotes operational efficiency through policy development, enhances the reputation of the agency, thereby attracting the best qualified candidates for employment and increases public trust and confidence.

"I am proud that our department has accomplished this goal," Chief Giles said. "The department has met all the standards and best practices in policing today. Becoming State accredited means that your peers have recognized your agency. Being State accredited will also ensure that our department continues to have the most current policies and best practices so that we can serve our community to the best of our ability."